

The Burden of Tobacco in Clark County

Population 34,103

The Burden of Tobacco is a collaborative report of the University of Wisconsin Tobacco Surveillance and Evaluation Program, the American Cancer Society, and the Wisconsin Division of Public Health's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.

Smokers in Wisconsin and Clark County

	Wisconsin		Clark County	
	# of Smokers	Percent Smokers	# of Smokers	Percent Smokers
Total Number of Smokers	1,005,000		6,280	
Adult (18+) ^{1,2}	920,000	22%	5,740	23% [‡]
High School Youth ^{3,4}	66,000	21%	420	21%
Middle School Youth ^{3,4}	19,000	8%	120	8%
Smoking During Pregnancy ⁵	10,000	14%	56	10%

Deaths Directly Related to Smoking

Cause of Death ^{6,7}	Wisconsin		Clark County		
	Average Annual Deaths	Due to Smoking	Average Annual Deaths	Due to Smoking	% Due to Smoking [†]
Lung Cancer	2,760	2,208	15	13	83%
Other Smoking-Related Cancers	2,066	719	15	4	28%
Cardiovascular Disease	16,412	2,342	117	15	13%
Respiratory Disease	3,416	1,946	22	14	65%
Other Causes (not associated with smoking)	21,619	0	163	0	0%
All Causes	46,273*	7,215*	332*	47*	14%

Years of Potential Life Lost

Cause of death ⁶	Wisconsin	Clark County
Smoking-Related Cancers	43,000 years	230 years
Cardiovascular Disease	32,000 years	180 years
Respiratory Disease	21,000 years	150 years
All Causes	96,000 years	560 years*

[‡] Due to small sample sizes the following counties were grouped to establish prevalence estimates: Chippewa, Clark, and Rusk.

[†] May not appear to be exact due to using decimals in the calculations.

* Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Note: Adult prevalence estimates from BRFSS, 2000-04; Youth estimates based on state level YTS, 2004; Maternal smoking estimates from WISH, 2004.

Note: Wisconsin and County Deaths Directly Related to Smoking and Years of Potential Life Lost are based on 2000-2004 mortality data.

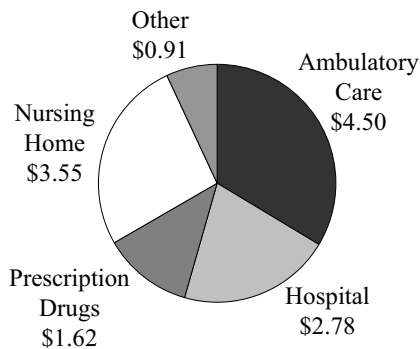
Note: See technical notes for a detailed description of the data sources and methodologies used to construct this report.

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Economic Impact of Cigarette Smoking in Wisconsin and Clark County

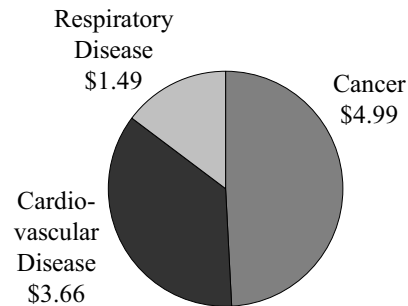
	Wisconsin	Clark County
Health Care Costs ^{6,11}	\$2,160,000,000	\$13,350,000
Lost Productivity ⁶	\$1,640,000,000	\$10,140,000
Total Costs	\$3,800,000,000	\$23,490,000

Smoking Attributable Health Care Costs in Clark County, 2003^{6,11}
(In millions of dollars)



Total: \$13.4 Million *

Cost of Productivity Lost Due to Smoking in Clark County, 2001⁶
(In millions of dollars)



Total: \$10.1 Million *

- In Wisconsin, an estimated 7,215 people die annually from illnesses directly related to smoking and approximately 853 die from illnesses and fires indirectly related to smoking, for a total of 8,068 annual deaths.⁶⁻¹⁰
- Secondhand smoke is estimated to cause about 61 lung cancer deaths, 771 deaths from ischemic heart disease, and 9 infant deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Wisconsin annually. Household fires in Wisconsin caused by cigarettes kill an estimated 12 people annually.⁸⁻¹⁰
- In Clark County, approximately 47 die annually of illnesses directly related to smoking.^{6,7}
- Each year, approximately 14% of all deaths in Clark County are directly attributable to smoking. Cigarette smoking causes 83% of all lung cancer deaths and 13% of all deaths from cardiovascular disease in Clark County.^{6,7}
- In Wisconsin, approximately 96,000 years were lost from the potential lifespan of those who died of smoking-related illnesses in 2004. In Clark County, about 560 years are lost annually from the effects of smoking.⁶
- In 2003, an estimated \$2.2 billion in health care costs were paid in Wisconsin as a result of diseases caused by smoking, with \$13.4 million paid in Clark County.^{6,11}
- Wisconsin lost \$1.6 billion, including \$10.1 million in Clark County, in productivity costs because of illness and premature death directly associated with smoking in 2001.⁶
- In 2003, estimated health care costs of cigarette smoking were approximately \$390 for every man, woman and child in Clark County.^{6,11}
- In 2004, there were over 384 million packs of cigarettes sold in Wisconsin. Residents of Clark County spent approximately \$9.2 million on 2,410,000 packs of cigarettes in 2004.¹²